



2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game

Weekly Update, Nov. 16

The 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game will be played Friday, January 7, 2011, at 6 p.m. (CST) at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas. The game, which concludes a 20-team national playoff, will be hosted by the Southland Conference, the City of Frisco and Hunt Sports Group. Pizza Hut Park will also host the 2012 and 2013 national championship games. The national title games were awarded to Frisco in February after a 13-year run in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ticket Information

Tickets for the 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game are now available online at ncaa.com/fcs or by calling (469) 365-0000. Tickets range from \$30 to \$40. Be sure to check out the Family 4 Pack, which includes four sideline tickets, four hot dogs and four drinks for only \$120.

Championship Bracket to be Announced Sunday at 9 a.m., Central, on ESPNU

One of the hot topics in college football, at least in the media, has been for the national championship to be decided on the field. It might not happen in the Football Bowl Subdivision, but it does in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and also in Division II and Division III.

The 20-team bracket for the NCAA Division I Football Championship will be announced Sunday at 9 a.m., CST, on ESPNU. The show will be hosted by Dari Nowkhah and analyst Tom Luginbill. The field expands from 16 to 20 teams this year. Ten conferences place an automatic qualifier into the championship and the other 10 teams receive at-large selections. The NCAA football committee, which meets later this week in Indianapolis, selects the bracket and seeds the top-five teams.

Eight teams will play a first-round game Nov. 27 and those winners advance to meet the top-four seeds Dec. 4 in the second round. A total of 12 teams, including the top four seeds and eight other teams, will be playing their first game of the tournament the first Saturday of December. The quarterfinals will be played Dec. 10-11. The semifinals will be played Dec. 17-18 with the winners advancing to the 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game Jan. 7, 2011 at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas. The first four rounds of the championship are played at campus sites.

A blank bracket for the championship is attached to this email.

FCS Playoff Dates

Nov. 27: First-Round Games (Campus Sites)

Dec. 4: Second-Round Games (Campus Sites)

Dec. 10-11: Quarterfinal Games (Campus Sites)

Dec. 17-18: Semifinal Games (Campus Sites)

Jan. 7: NCAA Division I Championship Game, Pizza Hut Park, Frisco; 6 p.m., CST

This Week's National FCS Polls

FCS Coaches Poll (Nov. 15)

Rk. Team (No. 1 Votes)..... Record

1. Delaware (26)..... 9-1
2. Appalachian State..... 9-1
3. Eastern Washington (1)..... 8-2
4. Jacksonville State..... 9-1
5. Stephen F. Austin (1)..... 8-2
6. William & Mary..... 7-3
7. Wofford..... 8-2
8. Montana State..... 8-2
9. Bethune-Cookman..... 10-0
10. Southeast Missouri State..... 9-2

For the complete FCS Top 25 Coaches poll, [click here](#).

The Sports Network/Fathead.com Poll (Nov. 15)

Rk. Team (No. 1 Votes)..... Record

1. Delaware (116)..... 9-1
2. Appalachian State (28) 9-1
3. Eastern Washington (8) 8-2
4. Jacksonville State (2) 9-1
5. Stephen F. Austin..... 8-2
6. William & Mary..... 7-3
7. Bethune-Cookman (4) 10-0
8. Montana State (1) 8-2
9. Wofford 8-2
10. Southeast Missouri State..... 9-2

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FCS Game of the Week: Nov. 20

No. 15 Villanova (6-4) at No. 1 Delaware (9-1), 11 a.m., CST

Television: The Comcast Network and Comcast Sports Net-New England

FCS Conference Leaders

Big Sky: Eastern Washington and Montana State (6-1 league record)

Big South: Stony Brook (5-0)

Colonial: Delaware (6-1)

Mid-Eastern: Bethune-Cookman (7-0)

Missouri Valley: Northern Iowa (6-1)

Northeast: Robert Morris (7-1)

Ohio Valley: Southeast Missouri State (7-1)

Patriot: Lehigh (4-0)

Southern: Appalachian State (7-1)

Southland: McNeese State and Stephen F. Austin (5-1)

Four Teams Have Clinched Playoff Berth

Four teams enter the week having already secured their league's automatic bid:

Missouri Valley: Northern Iowa

Northeast: Robert Morris

Patriot: Lehigh

Southern: Appalachian State

All-Time NCAA Division I National Champions

Appalachian State (3 championships), Boise State, Delaware, Eastern Kentucky (2), Florida A&M, Furman, Georgia Southern (6), Idaho State, James Madison, Louisiana-Monroe, Massachusetts, Marshall (2), Montana (2), Montana State, Richmond, Southern Illinois, Western Kentucky, Villanova, and Youngstown State (4).

FCS vs. FBS in 2010

Who can't remember Appalachian State's upset at Michigan in 2007? The Mountaineers were coming off back-to-back national championships in the Football Championship Subdivision and would go on to win a third consecutive title after that 34-32 victory in September. This week, Appalachian State visits Florida, a team that won BCS championships as recently as 2006 and 2008. The game is one of three on this week's schedule between the Football Championship Subdivision and the Football Bowl Subdivision. On Thursday, Georgia State visits Alabama and then on Saturday, Weber State visits Texas Tech.

FCS teams have beaten the FBS seven times this season:

Sept. 4: Jacksonville State at Ole Miss (49-48 in overtime)

Sept. 4: North Dakota State at Kansas (6-3)

Sept. 11: James Madison at Virginia Tech (21-16)

Sept. 11: South Dakota at Minnesota (41-38)

Sept. 11: Liberty at Ball State (27-23)

Sept. 11: Gardner-Webb at Akron (38-37 in overtime)

Oct. 2: UC Davis at San Jose State (14-13)

About the Football Championship Subdivision

With 119 member universities and nearly 13,000 student-athletes taking the field each fall, the Division I Football Championship Subdivision embodies a tradition of excellence through a high level of competition, student-athlete character and sportsmanship throughout the regular season and the championship experience. Ten FCS conferences receive automatic berths to the NCAA Championship, including the Big Sky, Big South, Colonial Athletic Association, Mid-Eastern Athletic, Missouri Valley Football, Northeast, Ohio Valley, Patriot League, Southern and the Southland.

Former FCS football student-athletes include Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Kurt Warner and current NFL stars Tony Romo, Jared Allen, Miles Austin, Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Joe Flacco. Former coaches in the FCS, include Eddie Robinson, Jim Tressel, Mack Brown, Bobby Bowden, and Dennis Franchione.

